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June 14, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Speaker Rendon:

We are writing to respectfully request that the Assembly pass a resolution urging Governor Brown to declare a state of emergency due to the increased number of homeless persons in California.

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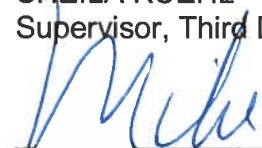
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The Honorable Chad Mayes  
Assembly Minority Floor Leader  
State Capitol, Room 3104  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Mayes:

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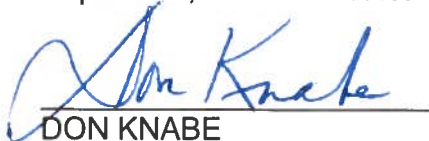
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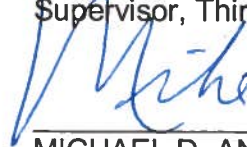
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The Honorable Kevin de León  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator de León:

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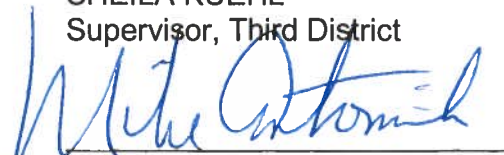
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The Honorable Jean Fuller  
Senate Minority Floor Leader  
State Capitol, Room 305  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Fuller:

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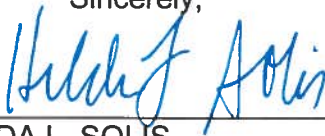
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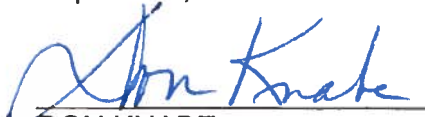
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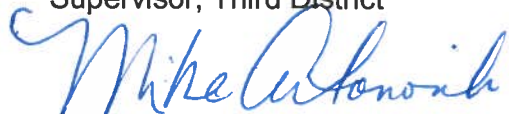
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